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Brinks Gilson & Lione Achieves Mansfield 2.0 Certification Plus Status

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CHICAGO – Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the nation’s largest intellectual property law firms, is proud to announce it has achieved Mansfield 2.0 Certification Plus status for the second straight year.

Brinks achieved Certification Plus status by considering at least 30 percent of candidates from diverse backgrounds for leadership positions and in its senior-level recruiting, and because a large number of women and minorities were represented in its key leadership roles and lateral hires in the past year.

“Ensuring that our attorneys and firm leaders are drawn from a diverse pool of candidates, and making every effort to maintain diversity throughout our leadership team, is key to serving our global clients,” said Gus Siller, president of Brinks Gilson & Lione. “And as a workplace, we know our attorneys and staff can only feel included when we are honoring who they are from more than a business standpoint. Achieving this status two years in a row shows we are on the right track, and we are extremely proud.”

Created by the research think tank Diversity Lab, the first iteration (Mansfield 1.0) was aimed at law firms that considered minorities and women lawyers for at least a third of their leadership roles. Mansfield 2.0, launched in July of last year, added LGBTQ+ lawyers to the list. Mansfield 2.0 also measures consideration for participation in client pitch meetings, and requests that participating firms’ appointment and election processes are transparent to all firm lawyers.

“We worked hard to achieve Mansfield Certification Plus status last year and were even more determined to do so again this year,” said Betsy Derwinski, shareholder at Brinks Gilson & Lione. “We want to continue to take conscious, deliberate steps in prioritizing diversity and inclusion within the firm as part of a larger strategic goal of making sure that all of our colleagues feel valued and included.”

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